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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON KISSINGER VISIT TO SPAIN

1. ON DEC 19 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "KISSINGER AND GIBRALTAR", MADRID MONARCHIST DAILY ABC COMMENTS THAT KISSINGER'S CURRENT EFFORTS OFFER NEW POSSIBILITIES TO SPAIN IN ITS RELATIONS WITH US AND WITH COMMON MARKET. ADDS THAT TWO DECADES AFTER 1953 US-SPANISH DEFENSE ACCORDS, IT WOULD MEET NEEDS OF SPAIN AND CONVENIENCE OF U.S. IF TWO COUNTRIES UPDATED THIS SAME SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. EDITORIAL WARNS THAT SPAIN IS FACT THAT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED IN CURRENT REMODELING OF U.S. EUROPE RELATIONS.

2. STRESSING THAT GIBRALTAR MUST BE ONE OF PRINCIPAL POINTS IN SPANISH DIALOGUE WITH KISSINGER, ABC SEES IT AS DIFFICULT FOR SPAIN TO REACH LEVEL OF COOPERATION WITH NATO SOUGHT BY US AS LONG AS ROCK UNDER BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY. SHADOW OF GIBRALTAR, IT CONTINUES, ALSO BLIGHTS SPANISH EXPECTATIONS TOWARD COMMON MARKET. GIBRALTAR, IT CLAIMS, IS USUFRUCT FOR COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES -- MOST OF WHICH ALSO IN NATO -- CONTRIBUTED BY UK, WHEN IT RIGHTFULLY SHOULD BE SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE IN ITS OWN LEGITIMATE INTERESTS.

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3. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT GIRALTAR ISSUE NOW STANDS

WHERE US-SPANISH AND US-COMMON MARKET RELATIONS INTERSECT-
AND MUST THEREFORE BE AT CENTER OF KISSINGER'S TALKS
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